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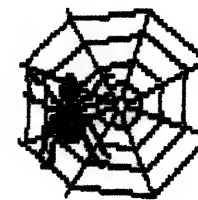


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BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed
"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"
--Sir Walter Scott--

(#272)



11 Apr 08

Barrett Resigns!

Citing recent bad health and bad internet connections, Paul Barrett has resigned from five games. While *KREMLIN*, *BLACKBEARD*, and "Graw" can easily adapt, *MACHIAVELLI* and even moreso *DUNE* can't. Anyone who would like to assume these positions, please contact me soonest.

RAIL BARON could finish next time, so we need to do some gamestarts. Candidates are *18xx*, *WIZARD'S QUEST*, *GUNSLINGER*, *PUERTO RICO*, and, *HISTORY OF THE WORLD*. Sign up soonest or volunteer to run a game yourself.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS:

BLACKBEARD: Position #1 is available (Tew (2nd Pirate), no KCs)

DUNE: Harkonnen is available.

KREMLIN: PB position is available.

MACHIAVELLI: Austria is available.

MERCHANT OF VENUS: Eeepeeep is available.

WIZARD'S QUEST: Need 1 to 3 more. Would like to use ACTS.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die." -- G. K. Chesterton

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: Fixed a typo in Game Transcripts list.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH: Our *SCRABBLE* champion, Bob Theis on a visit to Guatamala (note the volcano in the background).

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes this month Rick Copeland for his Italian press in "Boris XIX". Opines the Great One, "He has a legitimate beef."

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Paul Barrett for resigning after the deadline.

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 2 May 08



Russia on the Ropes!! Germany in Trouble Spring 1903

XIX
2007B

MINAS MORGUL: Russia has lost another unit and WAR is Austrian occupied. MOS unaltd cannot stand against a Turkish thrust. France has fended off an initial Italian attack, but how long will the Brits stay aloof? Germany is being compressed from all compass points; an understanding with the Tsar could help both.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Germany retreats F BEL to HOL. Russian A SEV retreats to UKR. France builds F MAR. Turkey builds F SMY and A CON.

AUSTRIA (Wilson): [A Ser-Bud], [A Tri-Bud], [F Ion-Aeg], A Gal-War, A Vie-Gal.

ENGLAND (Fisher): [A Nwy-Swe], F Ska S F Nth-Den, F Nth-Den, [F Eng-Nth].

FRANCE (Anderson): A Bre-Par, [A Bel-Bur], F Spal(sc) S F Mid-Wes, [A Bur-Mar], [F Mid-Wes], F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Nichols): [A Den-Swe](r-???), [A Ruh-Mun], [F Hol-Nth], [A Ber S A Ruh-Mun].

ITALY (Copeland): A Boh S A Mun, [A Mun S RUS A Sil-Ber], F Tun S F Tyn-Wes, [A Ple-Mar], [F Tyn-Wes].

RUSSIA (Saunders): [A Ukr-Sev](d), [F Bal-Den], A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, [A Sil-Ber].

TURKEY (Fryling): A Rum-Ukr, A Sev S A Rum-Ukr, F Bla S A Sev, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, [F Smy-Aeg].

Orders in brackets fail; d = destroyed, NMR = no move received, NRR = no retreat received, r-??? = retreat to ???, u = unordered.

German A DEN must retreat otb or KIE.

Due next time are orders retreats, builds/tears and for Fall 1903. Good Press!

EMBASSY BEAT

A to T: If I would hear from you once in a while maybe we could work together against Russia. He is on the ropes a bit after all. If I see a fleet build from you then I hope I've kept you out of the AEG. My Greek subjects really wouldn't like to see a Turkish fleet sailing in their sea.

A to I: Watch those French fleets. If they get loose in our sea we could both be in trouble.

A to F: See above, you have other areas to focus on rather than coming into the Med.

Turkish soldiers overheard on the way to the front: "Isn't Allah great? These Russian women are just as easy as the Russian army! It's obvious that none of my 70 virgins are going to come from Moscow or the Ukraine--there aren't any virgins left around here!"

Copeland to all: Gentlemen, (no insult intended), the name of this game is DIPLOMACY. I did not sign up to play the GUNBOAT variation. I signed up to play a game that by its' very nature is dependent on correspondence with all the other players. Without this correspondence the game, as well as the gaming experience, suffers. I CHOSE to play Italian position this time in order that I might be in the middle of the play, adjacent to most players and important to the corner players, and thereby increase the opportunities for DIPLOMACY with all of you. That has not happened. I am astounded. You are all experienced players. It seems like most of you are just going through the motions.

PLEASE- Let's make this game more FUN by increasing communication and increasing the press. 6 out of 7 of us are going to lose. At least let us losers get some enjoyment from the game.

BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

The Times of London: In answer to urgent pleas for help from the Low Countries and the friendly peoples of Sweden and Denmark her Majesty has diverted the Home Fleet to Denmark to end German cruelties to the population there, and again sent the Expeditionary Army from Norway to repel another attempted invasion by the German Army, currently terrorizing Denmark, from striking against Sweden as they tried in the fall. To prevent the German Fleet, recently dislodged from Belgium by our gallant French allies, from threatening London the Channel Fleet has been ordered to the North Sea and calls are going out to outfit a new Fleet to be raised at Scapa Flow to help deal with the growing European troubles. The public disarray in Russia and the massing of warships in the Mediterranean can only be seen as a threat to the English way of life and a further expansion of the Army is also anticipated.



MACHIAVELLI Barrett Resigns! Still Summer 1500

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Ragnociti: Since Austria resigned without tendering orders, I have decided to halt the game temporarily after Summer 1500 in hopes of finding a new Austrian player by next month. To continue on to Fall 1500 this time would leave any prospective player three units short and likely crippled for the rest of the game. Whether we get a new player or not, we'll execute Fall 1500 next issue. Orders submitted this month will be used then unless superceded. I've included some of the Press from this month.

TROOP POSITIONS:

Austrian A CARIN must retreat otb or to FRI or VER. Austrian A CARN must retreat otb or to FRI. Austrian F TS must retreat otb or to CM, GON, PAT, ROME, or SAR. If Armies CARIN and CARN both r-Fri, both die.

Austria (Barrett, 0d): A ???, A ???, F ???, F GoL, A Sla;

Florence/Papacy (Scott, 5d): A Sie, A Cre, A Gen, A Aqu, F Anc, F Pio, A Boi, A Cap, F Urb, F Pisa.

France (Nichols: 1d): A Tur, A Carin, A Nap, A Mil, F Cor, F TS, A Mon, F Mar, A Aus;

Venice/Turks (Anderson, 18d): A Bari, A Fer, A Trent, F Ist, F LA, F Pal, F UA, A Alb, A Carn, A Pad, F IS, F WM.

Autonomous: Cre Luc Mod Mon Pav Pio(b) Sav Sie(b) Trent(b) Tur

Orders in brackets fail; nlo = no longer owned, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, r-??? = must retreat somewhere, u = unordered.

Due next time are orders for Fall 1500.

EMBASSY BEAT

The Flo/Pap peoples are united in thinking that the Venice Greater Adriatic Co-Prosperity Sphere is really a valled declaration of War against all others. The Ruling Council, however does not go that far, but due to political pressure are going to issue a statement that the Venice "Graft" Sphere as not really in our interest.

Flo/Pap to France: should your Austrian Foe's fleet decide to retreat to Rome, we would believe your support of my Cap Army back into Rome would make up for this collateral damage cause by your fleets... can we count on that support?

Flo/Pap as per my e-mail to you, I've so ordered to cover all bases.

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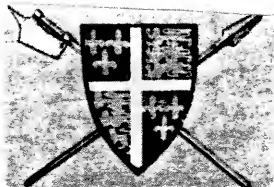
--"King of Pain" (continued from p 4

Bouchier, Courtenay, Duke of York, Fitzalan, Grey, Pole @ Pm. Cromwell, Stafford, & Stanley @ Blackheath; Hastings & Percy in Hn. Mowbray in Durham.

SHIPS: *Le Christopher*, *Le Margarete*, *Le Lucas*@ Beaumaris; *Le Nicholas* @ Corfe, *Le Rose* @ Scotland.

HEIRS: *Reds:* Margaret in Scotland w/ Beaufort; Edward of Wales in Beaumaris; Artie @ Kingston Pretender (20) w/ Fitzalan @ Pm. *Whites:* George @ Blackheath w/ Stafford, Edward III in Qg.

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KINGMAKER

"King of Pain"

Turn 33 Combat - Turn 34 Combat

KOP

The Cast:

THE MAD HUNGARIANS (Dowrey): Fitzalan [30], Warden of the Northern Marches [1]50]. Stanley [50], Earl of Richmond[40], Marshal of England [100], *Le Lucas*, Bouchier [10], Earl of Salisbury [30], Chancellor of Cornwall [1]50]. Berkeley [10], Earl of Essex [20], Event cards (1), Crown Cards (0).

THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION (Scott): Pole [30], Chancellor of England [50]; Grey [20], Earl of Westmorland [40], Saxons [10], Ipswich; Duke of York [30]. Courtenay[30], Admiral of England [50]. Lancaster [20]. Event cards (5), Crown Cards (4).

KNIGHTS OF THE PRIVY POT (Deb Anderson): Mowbray [50], Treasurer of England [50]; Hastings [10], Bishop of Carlisle [30], Bishop of Durham [30], Flemish Crossbowman [20]. Cromwell [10], Earl of Kent [30], Steward of the Royal Household [50]. Percy [100], Lieutenant of Ireland [2]50]. Archbishop of York [30], Northampton [20], *Le Nicholas*, *Le Rose*. Beaufort[30], Constable of London [2]50]. Carlisbrooke, Newcastle. Event cards (3), Crown Cards (4).

THE STAFFORDSHIRE QUARTERSTAFFS (Shacklett): Stafford [30], Chamberlain of Chester [2]50]. French Foot[100]. Nottingham [20], Neville [50], Audley [10], Earl of Wiltshire[30], Roos [20], Herbert [10], Talbot [30], Greystoke [10] Irish Kerns [50]. Event cards (4), Crown Cards (2).

WESTERN FRONT (Martin): Howard [10], Duke of Exeter [20], Warden of the Cinque Ports [50], Archbishop of Canterbury, Bristol [30], Coventry [20], *Le Swan*, Clifford [10], Earl of Worcester [30], Captain of Calais [3]50]. Bishop of Lincoln, *Le Michael*. Event cards (5), Crown Cards (3).

ERRATA: TCC's orders were to "follow" Mobrai/Cromwell and MH's orders were to accompany TCC. We have a semantics problem here. If you're following someone and they don't move, neither do you. Looking over earlier versions of the orders, the proper verb might've been "pursue", so TCC/MH are now at Pl.

TURN 33

COMBAT: Percy & Hastings (130) vs Clifford & Howard (20) w/ Edmund at Ea. Card is #33, 2-1 Pole and Scrope (n/e). KPP is victorious and executes Clifford, Howard, and Edmund. Howard, Clifford, *Le Michael*, *Le Swan*, Bristol, and Coventry go to the Crown Deck; Duke of Exeter, Earl of Worcester, Captain of Calais. Warden of the Cinque Ports, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Bishop of Lincoln go into Chancery.

CROWN DECK: All receive a card.

TURN 34

EVENTS:

MH: #26, Parliament must be summoned if there is no sole king. But it can't, since the Chancellor is in the field.

TCC: #107, Mutiny on *Le Michael* (n/e)

KPP: #53, Peasant Revolt. Stafford to Leeds, Kent (Cromwell) to Rochester, Marshal (Stanley) to Blackheath.

SQ: #119, Royal Birth, dr = 3 = Yorkist, dr = 4 = N of the Tees -> Qg. Use Edward of March.

WF: #104, Merce goes home (Saxons). TCC & MH lose Saxon[10].

MOVEMENT:

MH: Berkley, Bouchier and Fitzalan pursue Mowbray Pl-Pl-Pm. Stanley blocks Cromwell at Blackheath then Stafford.

TCC: Pursue Mowbray Pl-Pl-Pm.

KPP: Mowbray Ql-Durham; Percy & Hastings Ea-Bristol-Gk-Hm-Hn; Cromwell Rochester-Black Heath blocked by Stanley, blocks Stafford.

SQ: Stafford (with George) takes road toward London, but is blocked by Cromwell at Blackheath. Rest Mf-Li-Ke-Jh.

WF: No nobles, no movement.

Combat: (Disaster still in effect)

Durham: MH (70) & TCC (150) have insufficient force to beselge Mowbray (250).

Blackheath: Stanley (50) vs Cromwell (10) vs Stafford (130).

Due next: Orders for combat due 21 Apr.

NOBLES: Audley, Greystoke, Herbert, Neville, Roos, Talbot @ Jh. Beaufort @ Scotland; Berkeley,

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KREMLIN

Nikotin Dies!

Year 6a



The Cast: (in Table order)

Dave Anderson, Decaying, Licentious Antiquarians (DLA): 1 card, 1 wave

Brad Martin, Western Front (WF): 2 cards

Doug Kent, Whining Kremlin Pigs (WKP): 2 cards

Paul Barrett, Politburo Bureaucrats (PB): 3 cards

Mike Scott, The California Connection (TCC): 3 cards

Cary Nichols, Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS): 1 card, 1 wave

Errata: R & Z are under investigation.

Politburo

Party Chief:	Nikotin (R)	71+?@	REDS(9), WKP(7), WF(6)
KGB Head:	Nogoodnik (V)	62+w	WKP(10), WF(9)
Foreign Minister:	Satin (O)	63+?@	REDS(2), WF(2)
Defense Minister:	Strychnin (T)	65+?	TCC (6), REDS(4)
Ideology Chief:	Niewitko (D)	73	
Industry Minister:	Purgemoff (F)	71	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	51+?w	TCC (4), REDS(2)
Sport Minister:	Protsky (U)	56	
Candidates:	HJLY		People: CMNPQ SX
KREMLIN WALL:	AEGK		Siberia: B(83++)NW(62)

6.1 CURE PHASE:

REDS reveals 1 IP each on Niewitko and Protsky. Nikotin returns from the Sanatorium and ages 1 SP for being PC, 1 SP for being sick, and 1 SP for being under investigation to 74. Nogoodnik ages 2 SP to 64 for being sick and weak. Satin ages 3 SP to 66 for being ill and under investigation. Strychnin takes the Cure. Wasolin ages 3 SP to 54 for being sick, weak, and under investigation.

6.2 PURGE PHASE:

KGB Head Nogoodnik fails to purges Wasolin, aging 3 SP to 67.

6.3 SPY INVESTIGATION PHASE:

Defense Minister Strychnin declines to investigate, condemn or hold a trial.

6.4 HEALTH PHASE:

Party Chief Nikotin (R) takes "2" Vlagara and dies *very* happy.

KGB Head Nogoodnik (V) executes "17" suspicious moose, remains sick (+).

Foreign Minister Satin (O) takes "1" too many trips to Africa, and dies of Ebola.

Defense Minister Strychnin (T) takes "16" pills a day and improves to sick (+).

Ideology Chief Niewitko (D) writes an "18" page article, remains healthy.

Industry Minister Purgemoff (F) opens "15" new factories, remains healthy.

Economy Minister Wasolin (Z) wins "18" games of speed chess, is now healthy.

Sport Minister Protsky (U) plays "2" games of 43-man squamish, grows ill.

Due next time are your orders for Turn 6 Funeral Commission through Parade Phases. Ideology Chief Niewitko must nominate either Nogoodnik or Strychnin. If that nomination fails, he must nominate one of the Nyet-voters. If that fails, he becomes Party Chief.

Politburo

Party Chief:	<VACANT>		
KGB Head:	Nogoodnik (V)	67+w	WKP(10), WF(9)
Foreign Minister:	<VACANT>		
Defense Minister:	Strychnin (T)	65?@	TCC(6), REDS(4)
Ideology Chief:	Niewitko (D)	73	REDS 1)
Industry Minister:	Purgemoff (F)	71	
Economy Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	54?w	TCC(4), REDS(2)
Sport Minister:	Protsky (U)	56++	REDS(1)
Candidates:	HJLY		People: CMNPQ SX
KREMLIN WALL:	AEGKOR		Siberia: B(83++)NW(62)



BRITAINIA "Gawain" Turns XIII-XIII



The East
Copeland: Purple
Zieske: Green

Anderson: Red
Martin: Blue

Store: Purple 66, Blue 65, Green 51.5, Red 36.5.

TURN XIII

Board:

Welsh (1): 2A @ S Mercia; 1A @ Downlands, Dyfed.

Brigantes (2): 2A @ Galloway.

Picts (1): 2A @ Alban, Caithness, Dalriada, Dunedin, Mar, Moray; 1A @ Strathclyde.

Caledonians (2.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Irish (2.5): 2R @ Atlantic; 3A @ Gwynedd; 1A @ Devon.

Scots (2): 2A @ Skye.

Norsemen (1.5): 2R @ Atlantic, Irish; 2A @ Hebrides; 1A Cumbria.

Dubliners: 2R @ Irish.

Danes: 6A, Bros, 3R @ North; 4R @ Frisian;

Saxons (1.5): 2A & Egbert @ Kent, Alfred @ ???.

Angles (1.5): 2A @ Hwicce; 1A @ Bernicia, Norfolk, Pennines.

DUBLINERS: 2R Irish-Cumbria (6.5:1 -Norseman, 2R w-Irish).

DANES: 1st Wave: 3R North-Lothian-Strathclyde (6.4,1:3 -1 Pict, 3R w-North); 4A, Bros North-York-March-Hwicce (6+1,5+1,5,2:5,2 -2 Angles, 1 Dane); 2R Frisian-Suffolk-Norfolk; 1A North-Frisian-Norfolk (5.4,2:4 -1 Angle; 2R w-Frisian); 1R Frisian-Essex-Sussex(w-Frisian); 1R Frisian-English-Wessex; 1A York-Cheshire. **2nd Wave:** 2A, Bros Hwicce-March-Cheshire-Pennines, 1A Hwicce-N Mercia, 1R Frisian-York-Pennines (w-Frisian), 1A Cheshire-Cumbria-Pennines (6+1,4,3,3 :3 -1 Angle), 1R North-Lothian-Bernicia (w-North), 2R North-York-Bernicia (6.5,1:1 -1 Angle, 2R w-North), 1A Norfolk-Lindsey, 1A Frisian-English-Cornwall, 1A Wessex-Avalon, 1R Frisian-North. Score 29.5 tourist VP. Angles extinct.

SAXONS (1.5): Egbert dies. Grow 1 pp. Alfred must be placed in Kent. 2A, Alfred Kent-Essex-Downlands (6+1.6:6 -1 Welsh, 1 Saxon).

Welsh to Danes: I ask for your help in getting rid of the Red menace, and what do you do - attack Blue!

Store: Green 81, Purple 66, Blue 65, Red 41.

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Scots (2): 2A @ Skye.

Norsemen (1.5): 2R @ Atlantic, Irish; 2A @ Hebrides.

Dubliners: 5A, 2R @ Irish.

Danes: 4R, 2A @ North; 3A, Bros @ Pennines; 1A @ Avalon, Lindsey, N Mercia; 1R @ Frisian.

Saxons (2.5): 1A, Alfred @ Downlands; Edgar @ ???.

Danes are King (+4 VP and free A @ N Mercia).

Store: Green 85, Purple 66, Blue 65, Red 41.

WELSH (1): Grow 2 pp. Add 1A @ Dyfed. Move 2A Dyfed to Powys, 2A S Mercia-Hwicce-Gwent.

BRIGANTES (2): Grow 0.5 pp. 2A Galloway-Strathclyde.



DUNE
Turn 46
No Alliances!
H Resigns!!



BOARD:

Atriedes (Wilson): 4T @ Arrakeen, 12R, 5L, 19S, (0/7) KH, 4C

Fremen (Anderson): 5T @ Seitch Tabr, 5T @ Habbanya Ridge Sietch, 7R, 3*R, 5L, 1S, 3C.

Guild (Nichols): 5T @ Tuek's Sietch, 1T @ South Mesa(s5), 2T @ False Wall South(s4), 1T @ Red Chasm, 13R, 5L, 13S, 2C.

Harkonnen (Barrett): 10T @ Carthag, 4R, 4L, 6C, 13S.

Spice: Red Chasm(6).

Storm: Sector 2

Tanks: B Raban, A 2T, H 6T.

TURN 4

4.2 Spice Blow: Cielago South (12) -- but in Storm, so destroyed -- & Shai Halud (A 2T @ Sihaya Ridge to the Tanks). Nexus! No alliances formed. Spice Blow @ Wind Pass North(6). A forsee the next Spice card to be _____.

4.3 Bidding: There are three cards available. A sees they are _____.

Due next time: Orders for Bidding, Movement, and, if there is no combat, Spice Collection, Storm and Spice Blow.

NOTE: H has resigned.

1. Since I have to assume there will be a replacement, A has been informed about three cards.
2. If no one takes H by next turn, the GM will have H bid 1S on each card.
3. After that, until a new player is found, H will be inert. See Swider
4. With Fisher, Morrison, Saunders, and Shacklett in the bullpen and Frying in AAA ball, I hope we can fill this slot quickly. If several people apply, we'll hold a random draw on 25 Apr, and I'll infor the winner of H's cards and traitors.
5. After 25 Apr, if the position is unfilled, first to apply gets it.

Atriedes (Wilson): 4T @ Arrakeen, 12R, 5L, 19S, (0/7) KH, 4C

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Harkonnen (????): 10T @ Carthag, 4R, 4L, 6C, 13S.

Spice: Red Chasm(6), Wind Pass North(6).

Storm: Sector 2

Tanks: B Raban, A 2T, H 6T.

LEGEND: C = cards, L = leaders, R = reserve, S = spice, T = tokens, @ = aggressor



Hakem/Kartoon/Cairo



SILVERTON

Turns 10b-11a



Nichols declines #93. Morrison claims #33 (-\$200). Zieske claims #13 (-\$300) & #24 (-\$300).

PLAYER STATUS:

#1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$21,900, S+2.S.P.P. #14(0.5 Ag), #65, #15, #16(1 Ag), #56(3 C), #66, #67(1 C), #3, #7, #20.
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$950, S+1.S.P+1.P, #57(11 C,D), #104(2 Ag,D), A3, A2, B9, A1, #33.
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$13,275, S+1.S.P+1.P, A20, B22, #83(4 Cu), #38, #42(1 L), #41(2 L), #39, #80
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$25,650, S.S.P+2.P, #53, A5, #35, #55, #44(17 C), #30, #54, #12(0.5 Ag), #106(3 Cu), #13, #24

AVAILABLE CLAIMS:

25 Silverton (Ag: \$700/\$200) 77 Lake Valley (Ag: \$700/\$100)
 90 Mc Gaffey (L: \$200/\$150) 91 Paxton Springs (L: \$500/\$200)
 93 Cloudercroft (L: \$600/\$250) 99 Gallup (C: \$300/\$200)
PAX: A4, A6, A19, B7, B10, B21, C14a, C18The Deck

Turn 10b

#1: Operate #3 (-\$200: 9 = 0.5 Au) & #7 (-\$400: 8 = 0.5 Au), #14 (-\$200: 11 = 1.5 Ag), #16 (-\$200: 6 = D), Deliver 2 Ag from #14 & 1 Ag from #16 (+\$3,000).
 #2: Operate A2 (+\$250), A3 (+\$400), B9(+\$1350), A1 (+\$100), #33 (-\$100: 1+6 = 1 L). Deliver 11 C from #57 to Denver (+\$5,500) and 2 Ag from #104 to Denver (\$2,000).
 #3: Operate A20 (+\$300), B22 (+\$700), #83 (-\$250: 7 = 1 Cu), #38 (-\$150: 6 = 1 L), #42 (-\$150: 8 = 2 L), #41 (-\$150: 3 = D), #80 (-\$250: 4+6 = 1 Ag), #39 (-\$250: 6+6 = 3 L). Deliver 5 Cu from #83 to El Paso (+\$5,000) & 2 L from #41 to Santa Fe (+\$1,600).
 #4: Operate #30(-\$200: 7 = 1 L), #53(-\$100: 7 = 3 C), #44(-\$100: 4 = 2 C), #12(-\$250: 8 = 1 Ag), #106 (-\$400: 9 = 1 Cu), A5(+\$100), #13(-\$200: 5+6 = 2 Ag), #54 (-\$200: 3+6 = 9 C), #55 (-\$200: 1+6 = 3 C). Deliver 1 L from #30 to SLC (+\$600), 3 C from #53 to Denver (+\$1,500).

The Market: (IDN = 3)

Au: 3 + (0x4) =	3	+1	5000L	EP L: 10 + 0 - 3 =	7	-1	400
Ag: 9 + (5x2) - 3 =	16	-7	1000	Den C: 9 + (14/2) - 3 =	13	-3	300L
Cu: 4 + 5 =	9	-2	700	SLC C: 8 + (0/2) - 3 =	5	+1	500
Den L: 11 + 0 - 3 =	8	-1	300	Pueb C: 4 + 0 - 3 =	1	+3	400
SLC L: 6 + 1 - 3 =	4	+1	800	SF C: 9 + 0 - 3 =	6	nc	600
Pueb L: 7 + 0 - 3 =	4	+1	600	EP C: 9 + 0 - 3 =	6	nc	500
SF L: 6 + 2 - 3 =	5	+1	800				

DEPLETIONS: #6, #10, #16, #18, #41, #43, #51, #57, #62, #75, #78-79, #84, #103-104.

Turn 11a

#1: Prospect deck twice (#52 & #2). Survey Walsenberg-Altmosa (-\$1400) & Las Vegas-Santa Rosa (-\$800).
 #2: Prospect (+1) Deck (#101) & Deck (#19). Survey (+1) Salida-Buena Vista (-\$300) & Gunnison-Montrose (-\$800).
 #3: Prospect(+1) #93 (-\$600) & #B21 (-\$75x27). Survey(+1) Santa Rita-Pinos Altos (-\$800), leapfrog Pinos Altos-Mogollon (DR = 9 > 7, -\$1400).
 #4: Prospect deck twice (#97 & #82). Survey Delta-Bowie (-\$500) and Price-Scofield (-\$500).

PLAYER STATUS:

#1: Denver, Cary Nichols, \$23,700, S+2.S.P.P. #14, #65, #15, #56(3 C), #66, #67(1 C), #3 (0.5 Au), #7 (0.5 Au), #20, #27, #527.
 #2: Denver, Wayne Morrison, \$9,350, S+1.S.P+1.P, A3, A2, B9, A1, #33(1 L), #197, #1017
 #3: El Paso, Debbie Anderson, \$14,850, S+1.S.P+1.P, A20, B22, B21, #83, #38 (1 L), #42(3 L), #39(3 L), #80(1 Ag), #93
 #4: SLC, Paul Zieske, \$25,200, S.S.P+2.P, #53(3 C), A5, #35, #55(3 C), #44(19 C), #30, #54, #12(1.5 Ag), #106(4 Cu), #13 (2 Ag), #24, #827, #977

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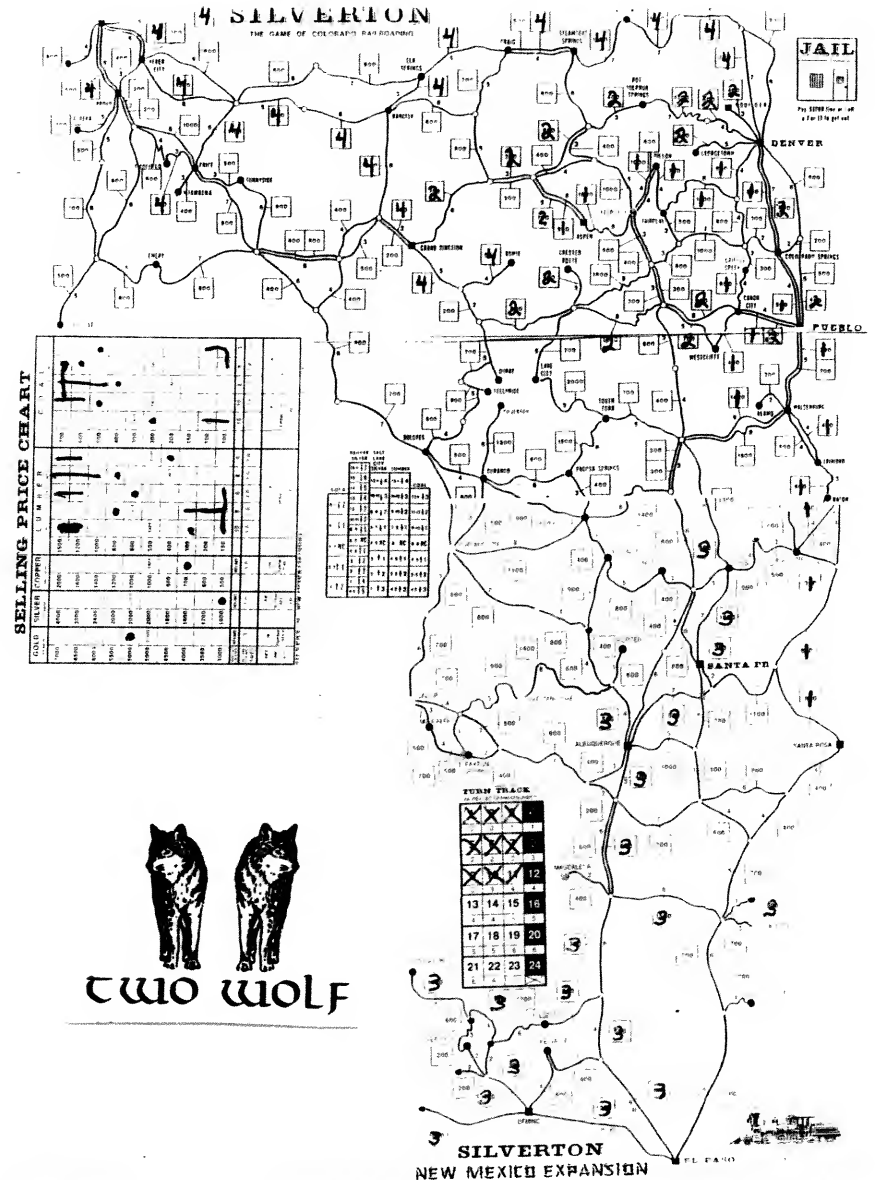
27 Marysvale (Au: \$600/\$200) 19? Leadville (Ag: \$1000/\$250)
 25 Silverton (Ag: \$700/\$200) 52? Craig (C: \$400/\$100)
 77 Lake Valley (Ag: \$700/\$100) 82? Cuba (Cu: \$400/\$150)
 90 Mc Gaffey (L: \$200/\$150) 91 Paxton Springs (L: \$500/\$200)
 97? York Canyon (C: \$500/\$150) 99 Gallup (C: \$300/\$200)

101? Capitan (C: \$400/\$100)
 The Deck

PAX: A4, A6, A19, B7, B10, C14a, C16a, C18

Due next times are your orders for Turn 11b operations and deliveries and Turn 12a (SNOW) prospecting and surveying.

LEGEND: Claims in **bold** are unworked. Underlined depletions, Leadville. Ag = silver. Au = gold, C = coal, Cu = copper, L = lumber or lower, m = middle, PAX = passenger, u = upper.





MERCHANT OF VENUS

"Graw"

Turns 15.4-18.1



The Cast:

Paul Barrett: Eepeeep, \$246, Deeds = \$400
Debbie Anderson: Brego the Wynom in *Secratariat*, \$372, Deeds = \$400
Ron Fisher: Why the Qossuth in *The Thunderbolt Greaseslapper II*, \$320
Bob Dowrey: Nik, \$410, Deeds = \$200.

Turns 15.4-

15.4 Nik: Roll 2,2,2,3: Move B20-A-R-(Y10)-(Y30)-R-B-(Y)-o-R-B20-c. Sell spice (\$80 + 4x\$40, draw Demand for Grease @ 7b & silk).
16.1 Eepeeep sells Silk(+\$200, draws Demand for Grease @ 9a), buys spice (-\$30) and Graw Factory (-\$200).
16.2 Wynom: Roll 2,3,3,3. Move Neutron Port(p)-Y-B-R-B-R-O-Wet Landing(s). Buy Wet Landing port (-\$200).
16.3 Qossuth: Use Autopilot (4), roll 2,6,6; reroll 2->4. Move Titans Tower(s)-(o)-R30(-\$10)-Terror Station(o)-R20-Y-B-R-Y-B-R-Poison Port(o)-(s). Sell liquor (+\$90, draw Fare 7b-Base); buy furniture (-\$110).
16.4 Nik: Sell spice (\$80 + 3x\$40, draw Demand for Dust @ 7a & Demand for Dust @ 5). Buy 2 rock videos (-\$240).
17.1 Eepeeep: Roll 3,3,4,6. Use 4 as pilot. Move Wet Landing(s)-p-A-NC-R-Y-R-A-R-o-B-OP. Sell two spice (+\$160, draw Demand for Wine @ 4a, Wine), buy two wine (-\$40).
17.2 Wynom: Roll 1,2,3,5. Move Wet Landing(s)-(p). Sell two silk (+\$180+18, draw spice & servomechanisms. Buy two spice (-\$120+12).
17.3 Qossuth: Trades IOU (\$80) and Clipper (\$60) and plus \$160 to buy Freighter (*Thunderbolt Greaseslapper GTO*) and buys furniture (-\$110).
17.4 Nik: Roll 1,2,2,2. ACE-B20-R-o-(Y)-B-R-(Y30)-B10-o.
18.1 Eepeeep: Roll 1,5,5,5. Move ...

PRESS: Qossuth Home World: The Qossuth Empire announces the start of a new service to all sentient beings in the cluster. With the commissioning of the *Thunderbolt Greaseslapper GTO* in the Polluted Planet system, Commodore Why begins the inaugural tour of the Qossuth's Galactic Tours and Observations. A new way to move Goods and Beings around the cluster in unrivaled splendor and luxury. Reservations may be made at any home planet and a schedule of movements will be released soon.

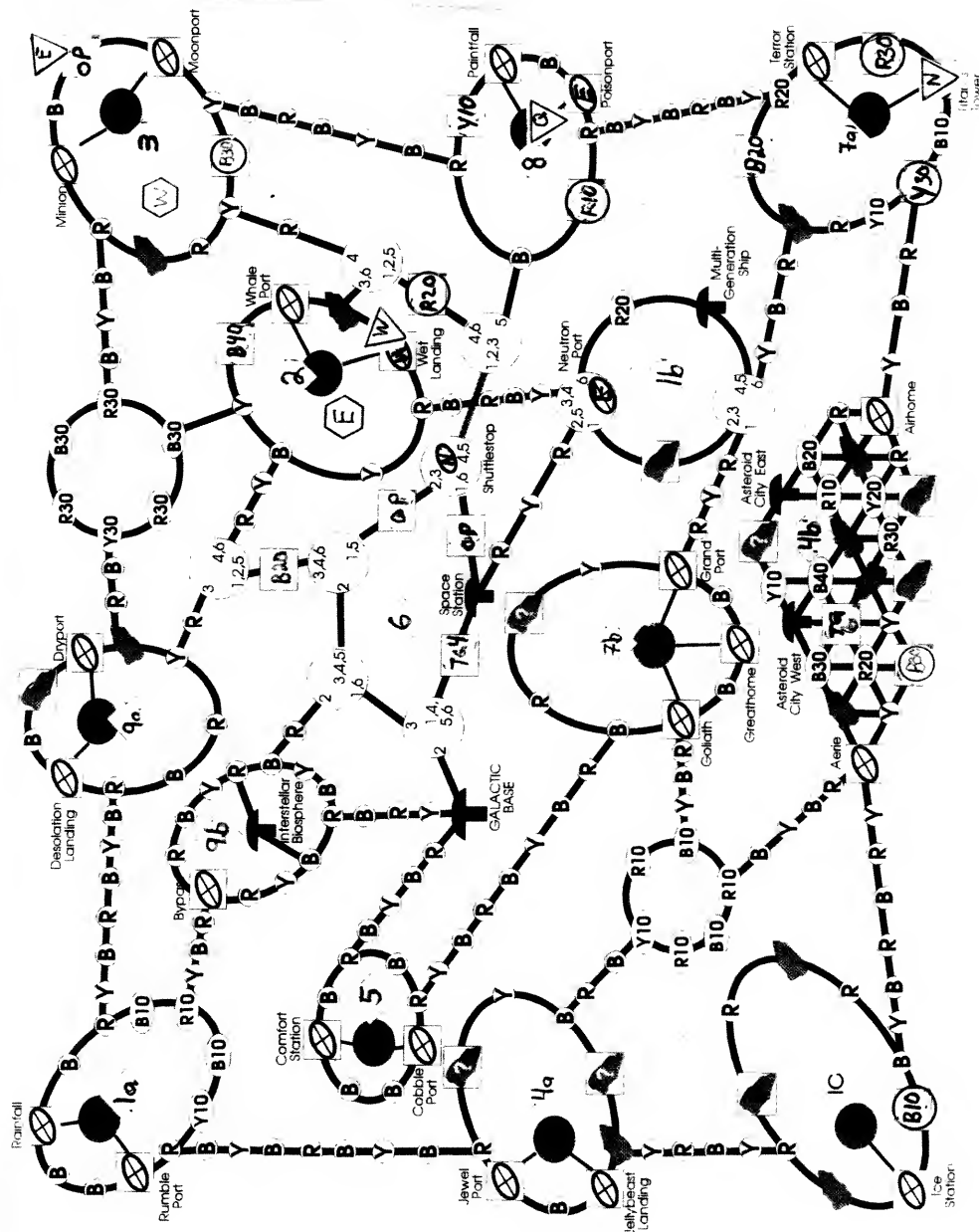
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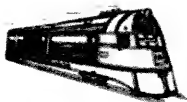
Player	Barrett	Anderson	Fisher	Dowrey
Race	Eepeeep	Wynom	Qossuth	Nik
Ship	Clipper	Clipper	Freighter	Clipper
Cash	\$336	\$262	\$20	\$610
IOUs	--	--	2,4a	--
Hull	--	Shield	R Shield, M Gear	R Yellow Dr, Shield
Hold 1	Wine	Spice	Autopilot	Videos
Hold 2	Wine	Spice	Furniture	Videos
Hold 3	xxx	xxx	Sculpture	xxx
Hold 4/5xxx	xxx	xxx	Furniture	xxx
Deeds	\$600	\$600	--	Shuttlestop

CULTURE STATUS

Culture	System	Goods	Factory	Demands
Tinkerers	Galactic Base	----	---	Fares-2,4a,9a
1a Nillis	Rogue Planet	Perfume(x4)	Available	
1b Volis	MultiGeneration Ship	Silk(x2)	Available	
2 Graw	Water World	Spice(x0)	Sold, yes	Fare-10
3 Niks	Inhabited Moon	Wine(4)	Sold, no	Perfume
4a Dell	Jungle World	Dust(x6)	Available	2xWine, Fare-Base
4b Humans	Asteroid System	Videos(1)	Available	2xSpice
5 Shenna	Colony World	Pelts(x6)	Available	Wine, Fare-Base, Dust
6 Yxklyx	Space Station World	Grease(x4)	Available	Pelts
7a Zum	War-Torn System	Liquor(4)	Available	2xDust

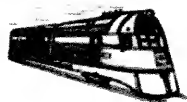
7b Eepeeeps Giant Planet	Servomechs(x2)	Available	Dust, Grease, Fare-Base
8 Wynoms Polluted Planet	Furniture(x0)	Available	
9a Cholos Desert World	Genes(x4)	Available	Liquor, Grease
9b Wallow Interstellar Biosphere	Paperwts(x4)	Available	
10 Qossuth Ice Planet	Sculpture(x3)	Available	Fare-Base





RAIL BARON

End Game!



THE CAST

Brad Martin (Blue), 71 k\$, CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, N&W, Sch
Chris Bailey (Purple), 146 k\$, NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P, Sch
Andy York, (Green), 52.5 k\$, C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC, GM&O, Sch
Ron Fisher, (Red), 160 k\$, X, PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP, GM&O, Sch

Turns 72.2-78.1

72.2: Purple rolls 9+?. Moves on SOU to N&W, then on N&W to Norfolk (-1 +22.0 k\$; 10 k\$ to Blue). Rolls 8-even, 5-even = St Paul. Red die out = 6. Move on N&W to SOU then on SOU to Washington.
72.3: Green rolls 4+1. Moves on SL&SF to Dallas (-1 k\$).
72.4: Red rolls 10+5. Moves on SP to San Antonio then on MP to 1 SW of Little Rock (-1 k\$).
73.1: Blue rolls 3+1. Moves on NP to 2E of Spokane (-1 k\$).
73.2: Purple rolls 5+5. Moves on B&O to Chicago (-1 k\$).
73.3: Green rolls 6+?. Moves on T&P to MP to Houston (-1 + 26.5 k\$; 10 k\$ to Red). Rolls 6-odd, 6-even = Columbus. Red die out = 3. Moves on SP to Shreveport.
73.4: Red rolls 7+2. Moves on MP to StL then 1 NE on PA (-1 k\$).
74.1: Blue rolls 9+1. Moves on NP to Portland then 2S on SP (-1 k\$, 10 k\$ to Red).
74.2: Purple rolls 9+?. Moves on CRI&P to St Paul (-1 + 13.5 k\$). Roll 11-even (choice = NE), 7-even = Washington. Red die out = 3, move on CRI&P to 1N of Des Moines.
74.3: Green rolls 10+4. Moves on IC to 1S of Chicago (-1 k\$).
74.4: Red rolls 4+?. Moves on PA to Louisville (-1 +23 k\$). Doesn't declare. Rolls 9-odd, 8-even = Philadelphia. Red die out = 4. Moves on PA to Columbus.
75.1: Blue rolls 6+?. Moves on SP to Sacramento (+20.5 k\$, 10 k\$ to Red). Rolls 7-odd, 11-odd = Chicago. Red die out = 6. Moves on SP to 2NW of SLC.
75.2: Purple rolls 6+4. Moves on CRI&P to Chicago, then on B&O to Pittsburgh. (-1 k\$).
75.3: Green rolls 9+?. Moves on IC to Chicago, then C&O to Columbus (-1 + 13 k\$; 10 k\$ to Blue). Rolls 7-odd (choice = SE), 7-odd = Atlanta. Red die out = 3. Move on C&O to 2E of Louisville.
75.4: Red rolls 6+?. Moves on PA to Philadelphia (-1 +8 k\$). Doesn't declare. Rolls 7-even, 7-even = Los Angeles. Red die out = 3. Moves on PA to 1E of Pittsburgh.
76.1: Blue rolls 5+6. Moves on SP to D&RGW to Denver, then CB&Q 2E (-1 k\$, 10 k\$ to Red).
76.2: Purple rolls 8+?. Moves on B&O to Washington (-1 + 11.5 k\$). Rolls 7-even, 9-odd = El Paso. Red die out = 3. Move on B&O to 1E of Pittsburgh.
76.3: Green rolls 9+?. Moves on C&O to L&N (+6 k\$; 10 k\$ to Blue). Roll 6-even, 9-even = San Francisco. Red die out = 4. Move on SAL to Birmingham then SL&SF to 1 SE of Memphis (-1 k\$).
76.4: Red rolls 9+1. Moves on PA to St Louis the on MP 2S (-1 k\$).
77.1: Blue rolls 7+2. Moves on CB&Q to 3W of Chicago (-1 k\$).
77.2: Purple rolls 8+1. Moves on B&O to Chicago, then 2W on AT&SF (-1 k\$).
77.3: Green rolls 10+6. Moves on SL&SF to Kansas City, then UP to 1N of Denver (-1 k\$).
77.4: Red rolls 7+4. Moves on MP to San Antonio (-1 k\$).
78.1: Blue rolls 11+?. Moves on CB&Q to Chicago (-1 + 22 k\$). Rolls 6-odd (choice = NW), 8-odd = Rapid City. Red die out = 6. Moves ...

Status:

Player	Cash	Destination	Payoff	RRs
Blue:	98.5 k\$	Rapid City	9 k\$	CB&Q, B&M, C&O, L&N, NP, D&RGW, N&W, Sch
Purple:	156 k\$	El Paso	20.5 k\$	NYNH&H, AT&SF, NYC, GN, SOU, B&O, CRI&P, Sch
Green:	63 k\$	San Francisco	27 k\$	C&NW, SAL, RF&P, ACL, T&P, UP, SL&SF, IC, GM&O, Sch
Red:	225 k\$	Los Angeles	30 k\$	PA, WP, CMSP&P, MP, SP, Sch



BLACKBEARD

Turns 178-184



THE CAST:

- (Barrett) Tew: Sloop
- (Zodda) Davis, Sloop
- (Bargender) Vane**, Sloop
- (Martin) Rackham, Schooner.

STATUS:

#	Captain	Ship	Hex	Spd	Cbt	Not	Cun	Unr	NW	H1	H2	Hostage	Attk
2	Davis	Sloop	S19	+3	5sc	29	5-2	1	856	30	--	1(11)	NPB
4	Rackham(D&R)Scnr	K20i		+3	5	8	2	8	0	200	40	--	BP
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	7sc								
3	Herdman	KC	T14	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	7sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	T14	+2	4	2	(1)	6	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M18	+3	6	5	0	5	08	--	--	--	--
4	Ogle	KC	Box 1	3	14sc								

The Board:

Guvs: Pro: 35, 46, 53, 31, 41 Anti: 23, 24, 54, 64, 13
Merchants: T14, T14, 66, 11, 51
Warships: S8-5 @ M22 Destroyed Port: 14, 32
Out-of-Play Pirates: Teach (#3), Portugese (#1), Taylor (#3)
Letters of Marque: PFBP
Safe Havens: Vane(Port Royal w/839 d)

Turn	Player	Action	Draw
178	2	HD moves 3+3 to Santa Domingo (S19) but can't anchor Draw Warship @ 56	*B 56, 33
179	2	HD Anchors Remove Even Merchants, new merchant @ 14	62 14, 23
180	1	TT moves 2+2, T14-P13, search = no.	15, 32
181	2	HD sells booty, +30*.1 = 33d (Deck Exhausted--reshuffle)	24
182	1	TT moves 3+2, P13-K11, search = Storm, Mer @ 14 back to cup dr = 5, Spd -> -3 12, *D, 64 New Merchant @ 64	23 42, *C, 43
183	1	TT moves 2-3 K11-K10, search = no	52
184	4	Draw 2 merchants @ 43	56
185	4	D&R over. Ogle moves to DD20.	

NOTE: Although Barrett has resigned, I'm continuing his position until his present orders are exhausted. If we haven't found a replacement by then, we'll convert to a 3-player game.

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4	Rackham	Scnr	K20i	+3	5	8	2	8	0	200	40	--	BP
4	Rhett*	KC	M22	5	8								
2	Maynard	KC	Box1	4	7sc								
3	Herdman	KC	T14	3	15								
2	Matthews	KC	CC20	2	7sc								
1	Tew	Sloop	K11	-3	4	2	(1)	6	0	10	--	--	S
3	Vane**	Sloop	M18	+3	6	5	0	5	08	--	--	--	--
4	Ogle	KC	DD20	3	14sc								

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ON DECK

1835: Hanna, Zieske
AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Copeland
BALKAN WARS: K Wilson, Dave A
CIRCUS MAXIMUS: Nichols, Zieske, Fryling (need 1 to 7 more)
COLONIAL DIP: Burgdorf, Copeland, Nichols, Dave A (need 3 more)
GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 or 5 more
HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Anderson, Khaoz, Wilson, Martin
LIFT-OFF!: York, Dave Anderson
MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A, Teh (need 1-5 more)
PUERTO RICO: Martin
RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott, Martin
SAMURAI (AH): Copeland
WIZARD'S QUEST: Crowe(?), Fisher, Lenoir, Teh(?), Anderson?

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